

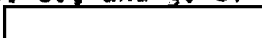
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22 January 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Archives and Records Center

SUBJECT : Mr. Otto C. Doering, Jr. - Access to the
"Donovan files"

1. Attached are copies of several memoranda on the above subject with the various restrictions surrounding access and use. We discussed these memoranda further at a meeting last week.

2. This entire project will require close coordination between us, especially in the early stages, and especially those actions covered in 3. b, c., and g. of the Ex.-Director memo which the DD/S directs  refer to Headquarters.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

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THROUGH : Acting Director of Communications

SUBJECT : Mr. Otto C. Doering, Jr. -- Access to the
"Donovan files"

25X1 1. Attached hereto are two memoranda concerning authorization of
25X1 Mr. Doering [REDACTED] to have access to the
"Donovan files". It is requested that appropriate accommodations be pro-
vided him [REDACTED] and full access to the "Donovan files".
Mr. Doering can be charged lodging at the same rate as for Agency
employees.

2. In the memorandum of 20 December 1967, signed by the
Executive Director, the determinable actions, which appear in paragraphs
3.b., c. and g., should be referred [REDACTED] to 25X1
Mr. Walter Pforzheimer for decision should any of these matters arise
during the course of Mr. Doering's [REDACTED] Basically, any question 25X1
of reproduction, removal, or disposition of these records should be referred
to Mr. Pforzheimer for appropriate action. If there are any other questions
pertaining to the interpretation or the understandings set forth in the attached
papers [REDACTED] should consult with Mr. Pforzheimer
or other officials as may be appropriate and necessary.

R. L. Bannerman
Deputy Director
for Support

2 Atts

Att 1: Memo dtd 10 Jan 68 for DD/S fr Curator,
Historical Intelligence Collection, subj: Proposed
Biography of General William J. Donovan

Att 2: Memo dtd 20 Dec 67 for Curator, HIC, fr
Exec. Dir.-Compt., same subj as Att 1

cc: Acting Director of Communications, w/Atts ✓

Curator, Historical Intelligence Collection
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10 January 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR : Deputy Director for Support
SUBJECT : Proposed Biography of General William J. Donovan

1. With reference to my conversation with you on 8 January, I am attaching herewith two copies of the Memorandum for Curator, Historical Intelligence Collection, subject as above, signed by the Executive Director-Comptroller and dated 20 December 1967.

2. The "Donovan files" which are referred to in this memorandum are those files which General Donovan took with him to New York when he left the Directorship of OSS, together with other files on intelligence which he maintained until his death. After the General died, these "Donovan files" were turned over to CIA for security retention, with the agreement that the Donovan heirs could have access to them for the purpose of preparing a biography of the General. It is felt that, as the "Donovan files" are a part of the Donovan estate, such access will not constitute CIA violation of the Freedom of Information Act. Any requests for access to this material by others than a designee of the Donovan estate can easily be resisted by CIA on the basis that any such requests should be addressed to the General's executors and not to CIA.

25X1 3. Colonel White's Memorandum states that Mr. Doering will undertake a preliminary screening of those portions of the "Donovan files" which are classified. A small portion of these files is kept in the Historical Intelligence Collection, Room 1 H 1124 at Headquarters, and Mr. Doering can have access to them there. The bulk of the files is maintained [redacted] Paragraph 3. a. of
25X1 Colonel White's directive authorizes Mr. Doering to have access to the
25X1 "Donovan files" [redacted] with appropriate arrangements for him to remain
[redacted] from time to time as required for his work.

4. It would be appreciated if you could advise [redacted] or 25X1
other appropriate personnel [redacted] that we will be in touch with them 25X1
when we have learned Mr. Doering's schedule, to ascertain when it
would be convenient for them to have him come [redacted] The material 25X1
in question at the Records Center is maintained under job numbers 65-508

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and 66-595. It is further designated as Washington - Director's Files - 1 through 5 inclusive under those job numbers.

5. By memorandum dated 4 January 1968, the Chief, Personnel Security Division, has advised me that for the purpose of this project Mr. Doering has been granted a clearance for Top Secret access to the "Donovan files" and Mr. Ford has been granted a clearance for Secret access to the "Donovan files." As you will note from Colonel White's Memorandum, there is no present intention to give Mr. Ford access to the classified files until they have been declassified.

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Walter Pforzheimer
Curator
Historical Intelligence Collection

Attachments
As noted above.

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20 December 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR: Curator, Historical Intelligence Collection
SUBJECT : Proposed Biography of General William J. Donovan

1. As I advised you and Mr. Houston at our meeting on 13 December, I have discussed with the Director your Memorandum of Conversation dated 22 November 1967 regarding the proposed Donovan biography. The Director agreed that, for the purpose of preparing the Donovan biography, it will be necessary for the Agency to make available to Mr. Otto C. Doering, Jr., and Mr. Corey Ford the so-called "Donovan files," which are the property of the Donovan estate and are deposited with the Agency. Mr. Doering and Mr. Ford will have access to no OSS archival material in the possession of CIA other than the "Donovan files." In addition, the Agency will not furnish Mr. Doering or Mr. Ford any research or secretarial support.

2. In providing access to the "Donovan files" and related problems, the Curator of the Historical Intelligence Collection will be the point of contact for Mr. Doering and Mr. Ford.

3. The general guidelines for this project are as follows:

a. After such clearance as the Office of Security deems appropriate, the initial stages of the research in the classified section of the "Donovan files" will be undertaken by Mr. Doering. He is authorized to utilize this material at both our Headquarters Building and the archival repository [redacted]

[redacted] Necessary arrangements can be made for him to remain [redacted] as required.

✓ b. As Mr. Doering selects the material which is presently classified and which he desires Mr. Ford to utilize, we will take the necessary steps to determine which part of it can be declassified for use in the biography, after which it can be made available to Mr. Ford.

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c. While Mr. Ford will be cleared for access to classified material, it is intended that he should not have access to such material until after Mr. Doering has screened it. There is no present intention to place a safe in Mr. Ford's home in Hanover or to make any other type of security arrangements for him.


d. Any research assistants which Mr. Ford might employ on this project will not be given access to any of the classified material in the "Donovan files." Should it become apparent at some future date that these researchers might need such access, we will consider the possibility of their clearance.

e. We reserve the right at all times to advise Mr. Doering and Mr. Ford how this classified material should be handled, regarding both access and its final usability.

f. You are authorized to send to Mr. Ford at his home in Hanover such unclassified material from the "Donovan files" as he may require at CIA expense, which it is understood will be minimal.

g. You may reproduce unclassified, hard-to-get published material on OSS (principally periodical articles) which might be useful for this biography when such material is maintained in the Historical Intelligence Collection should you feel it advisable to ensure against possible loss or if it would be inadvisable to release the material to Mr. Doering or Mr. Ford for use or reproduction outside Headquarters over an extended period of time. It is understood that this will amount to no more than five hundred pages.

h. In accordance with your suggestion certain historical items now in the "Donovan files," such as General Donovan's World War I diary, may be turned over to Mr. Doering for such final disposition as the Donovan estate may care to make, including presentation to a public institution. Where appropriate, it is suggested that you retain a copy of such material for historical purposes.


L. K. White

Executive Director-Comptroller

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